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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL TO FONMIN AND MINECON OFFICIALS JANUARY 23, REQUESTING SPECIFICALLY THAT GOCR MEET WITH US TEXTILE TEAM IN SAN JOSE DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27. ON JANUARY 26, MINECON ADVOSOR GONZALO RAMIREZ INFORMED EMBASSY THAT WHILE GOCR, IN PRINCIPLE, WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSULT ON TEXTILE ISSUE, THE PRACTICALITIES INVOLVED RULED OUT SUCH A MEETING AT THIS TIME. RAMIREZ POINTED OUT THAT NATIONAL ELECTIONS WERE LITTLE MORE THAN A WEEK AWAY (FEBRUARY 5) AND THAT THE IMMEDIATE PRE AND POST-ELECTION PERIODS WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY HECTIC. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, RAMIREZ STATED, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE MINISTRY TO MAKE ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS TO MEET WITH THE US TEXTILE TEAM IN FEBRUARY. HE ASKED FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THE CONSULTATIONS.

2. EMBOFF EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF MINECON POSITION BUT COUNTERED THAT PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS WERE OF AN EXPLORATORY, INFORMAL NATURE FOR WHICH EXTENSIVE DETAILED PREPARATIONS NOT REQUIRED. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS MINISTER MIGHT BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ONE OR TWO US REPRESENTATIVES RATHER THAN TEAM, A LIMITATION WHICH WOULD UNDERLINE THE PRELIMINARY NATURE OF CONCONFIDENTIAL.

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SULTATIONS. RAMIREZ SAID HE WOULD SUGGEST THIS ALTERNATIVE TO MINISTER BUT IN ANY EVENT, INTER-MINISTERIAL APPROVAL AS WELL AS THAT OF THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE REQUIRED. HE THEN STATED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE A REPLY BY JANUARY 30. WEISSMAN

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